## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

JOSÉ A. CRUZ-KERKADO, ET AL

**Plaintiffs** 

CIVIL NO. 16-2748 (ADC)

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO (BY WAY OF THE PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE a/k/a DEPARTAMENTO DE JUSTICIA, ET AL

Defendants

# PRSA'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT PREJUDICE CERTAIN ARGUMENTS MADE IN ITS MOTION TO DISMISS AT DKT NO. 50

Defendant Federación de Tiro de Armas Cortas y Rifles de Puerto Rico a/k/a the Puerto Rico Shooting Association ("PRSA"), by counsel, respectfully states and prays:

- 1. Plaintiffs filed this §1983 suit alleging violations to the First and Second Amendments. (Amended Complaint, Docket No. 29).
- 2. PRSA and the Commonwealth filed motions to dismiss arguing, *inter alia*, that Plaintiffs failed to state a plausible constitutional claim. (See Docket Nos. 48, 50).
- 3. PRSA also argued separately that Plaintiffs failed to plead that PRSA's conduct was attributable to the State (*i.e.*, the Commonwealth) and that Plaintiffs thus failed to state a §1983 claim against PRSA. PRSA now moves to specifically withdraw this argument without prejudice. (*See* PRSA's Motion to Dismiss, Docket No. 50, pp. 7-14).
- 4. PRSA submits, however, that all other arguments made by PRSA and the Commonwealth (about why Plaintiffs' challenge must be dismissed) remain valid. In other words, PRSA insists that dismissal of Plaintiffs' First and Second Amendment claims for failure to state a claim is still proper.

WHEREFORE, Defendant PRSA moves to withdraw without prejudice its argument (in pages 7–14 in its motion to dismiss at Docket No. 50) regarding whether Plaintiffs plead that PRSA's conduct is attributable to the state.

### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

I hereby certify that today I have electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all attorneys of record.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 11th day of January, 2018.

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